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Kevin Lakey, Watermaster
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RE: Water Districts 37 & 37-M, Big Wood & Lower Little Wood Rivers & Silver Creek

Dear Kevin;

We have received your 2003 Watermaster Reports and your 2004 Adopted Budgets. Copies of the signed approval pages are enclosed for your records. We are taking the position that the certificate of appointment recently issued to you covers both this year and the remainder of Lee's term last year, since the resolutions passed at January's water meeting cover that period.

Also enclosed is the information requested by Cindy on the water right purchased last year by Zsa Battaile. As you can see from the printout of the Information Search results, the numbers for the SRBA claims on 37-353 are different than those for the recorded water rights. The SRBA numbers don't really relate to what you deliver until they are re-decreed in the future. Assuming that portions of your districts are re-decreed this year, you will want to show the new numbers in this year's watermaster reports and next year's budgets. Let me know if you need some help with this.

If you will not be publishing your delivery records for last year, then your daily records should be turned in to this office for eventual archiving.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent